



March 29, 2018

Thank you for attending the Public Detour Open House for the proposed State Route (SR) 27 Bridge Replacements. The project will replace bridges on US 280 over Kinchafoonee Creek (Structure ID 307-0003-0 & 307-0004-0), PI Number 0013611. Our goal is two-fold: 1) to provide you with information on the proposed project and 2) to provide an opportunity for you to give us your comments on the proposed project, which includes a traffic detour route that would be used during construction. In this handout package, you will find a description of the project, a location map, a map of the proposed detour, and a comment card.

As you enter the room, please take a look at the project display and the detour map. The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) representatives, wearing nametags, are available to discuss the project and answer your questions. There will be no formal presentation.

We hope you will take the opportunity to tell the GDOT what you think. Listed below are several ways to comment on the project. Your comments are important to us and, should you provide comments by one of the methods noted below, we will respond to you in writing usually within 30 days of the close of the comment period. All comments will become part of the project's official record.

While you are attending the detour open house, you can **provide your comments today** by filling out the comment card provided with this handout and dropping it in the comment box, or you may choose to provide your verbal comments to the court reporter who will transcribe your comments.

You can also **provide your comments by Thursday, April 12, 2018** by using any of the following methods:

- Online at [www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Public/PublicOutreach](http://www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Public/PublicOutreach).
  - From the menu, select the county in which the proposed project is located and click *Go*;
  - Then select *State Route (SR) 27 Bridge Replacements over Kinchafoonee Creek*;
  - Lastly, click *Comment* and follow the instructions to leave your comments.
- Mail in your comment card to Mr. Eric Duff, Georgia Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street NW, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30308.

The project displays and plans will be available for review for ten days after this detour open house at the website noted above. Hardcopies will also be available at the Webster County Board of Commissioners Office, located at Webster County Consolidated Government, 6622 Cass Street, Preston, Georgia 31824. Following the ten-day public comment period, a copy of all comments received will be available by request at the Atlanta address listed above.

Again, thank you for attending this detour open house. If you should have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact the project manager, Bryan Williams, at (678) 939-0019 or the environmental analyst, Jordan Allen, at (404) 631-1118 of the Office of Environmental Services.

Sincerely,

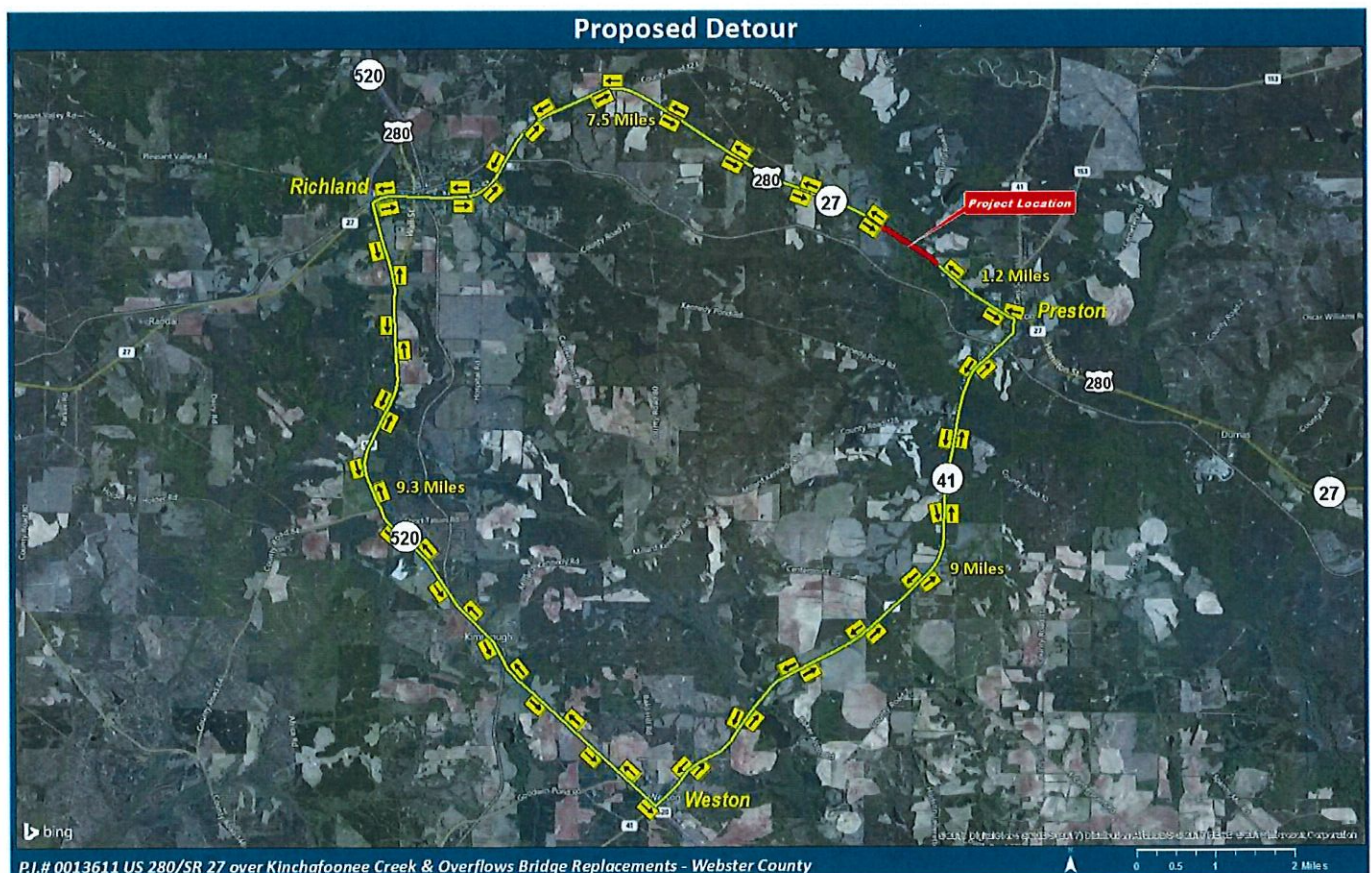
Eric Duff  
State Environmental Administrator  
Georgia Department of Transportation



**Why We Are Here:** To provide you with information and give you an opportunity to comment on the State Route (SR) 27 Bridge Replacement over Kinchafoonee Creek and the proposed detour that would be implemented during construction. The proposed project would replace the existing SR 27 two-lane bridges over Kinchafoonee Creek and the overflow with new bridges at the same locations. The existing bridges are recommended for replacement due to substandard conditions and a sufficiency rating of 55 for one of the bridges. Bridges with sufficiency ratings of 60 or less are recommended for reconstruction or replacement. As a result, the bridges on SR 27 over Kinchafoonee Creek were determined to need replacement.

**Project Description:** The proposed project would replace the existing SR 27 two-lane bridges over Kinchafoonee Creek and the overflow with new bridges at the same locations. SR 27 would be closed to traffic for approximately 12 months during construction, and an off-site detour would be implemented. During the detour, drivers north of the existing bridges wishing to travel to Preston would utilize U.S. 280/SR 27, SR 520, and SR 41 for a total detour distance of approximately 25.8 miles. Drivers wishing to travel from Preston to Richland would utilize SR 41 and SR 520, for a detour of approximately 18.3 miles (see detour map below).

### Detour Map



## Comment Card

Please print responses.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Do you support the project and the detour as presented? (check your response)

☐ **For**      ☐ **Against**      ☐ **Conditional**      ☐ **Uncommitted**

General Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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How did you hear about this Open House? (check) ☐ **Newspaper** ☐ **Signs** ☐ **GDOT Website** ☐ **Radio**

☐ **Word of Mouth** ☐ **Social Media** ☐ **Other** \_\_\_\_\_

Was the location of the Open House convenient for you to attend? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

If no, please suggest a general location that is more convenient to your community.

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Was the time of the meeting convenient for you to attend? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

If no, please suggest a time frame that is more convenient for you.

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Were your questions answered by GDOT personnel? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Do you understand the project after attending this meeting? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Please share your suggestions on improving the ways GDOT conducts Open Houses:

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Mail to:  
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